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**Subject:** RE: DOGGR - Sacramento

Hi Fatima,

Below is a short update for Jared's proposed meeting tomorrow. Please let me or Mike know if you or Jared need anything else. Thanks, David

U.S. EPA is continuing its enhanced oversight of California's Class II Underground Injection Control program, including the state's identification of Class II injection wells that may be injecting into non-exempt aquifers, their ongoing assessment of drinking water sources that may be impacted by improper injection, consideration of proposed aquifer exemptions, and the state's review of all 3,000 approved injection projects. EPA's March 2015 California Class II UIC Program Corrective Action Plan set out a schedule of activities and deliverables, with target milestones and compliance deadlines, to ensure that the state continues to make progress towards full compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

In accordance with requirements set forth in the March 2015 Corrective Action Plan, which the state has promulgated into its UIC compliance regulations, any wells injecting into non-exempt aquifers with total dissolved solids levels below 10,000 mg/l TDS must shut-in no later than February 2017, unless an aquifer exemption is approved by EPA.

EPA is expecting the State to submit its initial aquifer exemption request very soon. The anticipated request from DOGGR, which will also receive concurrence from the CA State Water Board, would expand the area previously approved for exemption within the Arroyo Grande oil field, near San Luis Obispo, CA. If EPA approves the State's expected aquifer exemption request, it will allow the State to authorize Class II injection (either for enhanced oil recovery or for disposal of fluids associated with oil and gas production) into the expanded area. Based on information we have reviewed to date, the State's request will include a determination that the proposed aquifer exemption area meets federal aquifer exemption criteria because the aquifer does not currently serve as a source of drinking water, and it will not serve as a source of drinking water in the future because it is hydrocarbon-producing. EPA, which is the approving authority for all aquifer exemptions, will review the aquifer exemption request, once submitted,

and will coordinate with the State in making a final determination.

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What timing. I just sent a note to David letting him know that I'm awaiting a confirmation from Ken on whether he can meet 11:40-12:00.

If Jared needs an update, something short is fine.

Thanks,

Fatima

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Hi Fatima –

I understand Jared wants to meet the new Director, Ken Harris tomorrow while he is in Sacramento on some other business. You could start by calling the front office there at DOGGR. I don't know if the former Director's assistant Marisha is still there but she would be the one to ask re Ken's availability. The # is 916-445-9685. Below are the emails for Ken as well as David Bunn and Jason Marshall at Department of Conservation. They may be able to help and should probably be given a heads up as a courtesy if you are able to set something up. If he is interested in having us set something up with a little more lead time we could do that.

Just FYI that I am meeting with Ken and Jon Bishop at the WB on Thursday at 11. The meeting is an informal introduction and opportunity to meet outside of our regular monthly meetings which involve a large cast.

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